



THE BELLOWS

30th GREAT YEAR

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Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society, Inc.

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WHAT	NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS
WHERE	DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE 2208 S. 223rd St. (Take Midway exit #149 west off I-5...go to first stop light west of Pacific Hwy. South...Turn right.)
WHEN	Thursday, December 18th 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. (doors open about 6:00 p.m.)
WHY	This is our very special <u>Christmas repast and gift exchange meeting</u> . After our dinner there will be a very short business meeting as we await the arrival of Santa. There will be no Show & Tell..Auction or member buy and sell tables.

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY...HO...HO...HO !!!

Yes, PSPCS Club Members it is "that" time of year once again. The time of year when, for a few days, we stop our never-ending search for the next photographic treasurer for our collection...or to sell at an inflated price on eBay. And, eventhough our 401-K has gone south and we may be looking forward to spending our "golden years" huddled over a steam grate in an old refrigerator box, we pause to celebrate the Season and join together in a festive group to eat, drink and share happy feelings as we enjoy each other and our photographica gift exchange. This is not to say that there is not a small bit of one-upsmanship, and yes, even greed, at work as gifts get opened and exchanged. But, it is all in good fun and in the past only one or two...possibly three...people have been seen crying uncontrollably at the end of the meeting.

Here is how our special Christmas meeting is going to happen. (Remember, this is the meeting to which you are encouraged to bring your: spouse, life partner, significant other, best friend (either sex no animals please), your special guest etc. You get the idea) First, we will "chow down" on a repast set forth by our secretary, Don Friend, who has learned at the feet of our retired secretary, Shirley Sparrow, who always put forth a most delicious repast.

After everyone has eaten and burped there will be a very short business meeting while we await the arrival of good old Santa, who, bless his overworked heart, has agreed to take time off from being a Wal-mart greeter...to assist us in our famous gift exchange. Remember, our gift exchange works like this:

Each person, who wants to take part, has brought a nice wrapped photographica gift worth at least \$10.00. (Now, you don't need to bring a gift in order to enjoy this fun event. Just fill your glasses and sit back and sip watching the fun unfold.) First, everyone who brought a gift draws a number from Bill, the large elf's, hat. This is the order in which you will select your gift. Second, after you select and unwrap your gift you may...in fact are encouraged to...exchange it with any other unwrapped gift that you may covet. This means you are better off drawing a high number; which thus gives you more unwrapped gifts from which to choose. However, poor number one had no chance to exchange so at the end the person who had number one has the pick of ALL the now unwrapped gifts...thus number one is the very best number to draw.

After Santa flies off our special Christmas meeting will end with a bit of general clean up and happy conversations of the season; along with sparkling cider sipping and nummie munching.

We hope to see a large number of members and their guests at what is one of our two most popular meetings of the year...along with our special Show Experience Weekend guest speaker meeting. Please join us! HO...HO...HO !!!

★ ★ ★ BACKSIDE INFORMATION ★ ★ ★

The November meeting of the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society came to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 23 members and guests in attendance. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read. Treasurer, Shirley, reported that we are solvent much to the pleasure of those in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shirley reminded the members that their dues for 2009 are now due. Either pay her at our meeting or send payment to her address listed at the bottom of page two. Thank you.

SHOW REPORT:

Chairman, Bill Kimber, reported that the Early-in charge this year will rise from \$15.00 to \$20.00 dollars...our first raise in over twenty years. The guest speaker for our April fourth Show this year will be Mr. Milan Zahorchak a noted authority on early lenses. Gary, Darrel and Bill Adams are working on a close alternative site for our special Show Experience Weekend meeting to be held on April 2, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley made a motion, that was seconded by Bill Kimber, that the Club purchase a new Santa Suit to replace the one that disappeared last December. Motion was approved. (See page three. Ed)

Next months' meeting on December 18th will be our annual holiday meal and gift exchange. (See page one. Ed)

SHOW & TELL:

Six members had interesting items to show. John Sparrow displayed, and showed, his extensive collection of PAX cameras. Thank you John...Thank you all.

PROGRAM:

The program was to bring your favorite "naked" camera(s). Seven members brought 17 different items to share. The variety and quality of the items was outstanding. Well done. Thank you.

AUCTION:

Eight items were put up for auction. They brought a total of \$79.00 to their old owners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. for more selling, conversations and nummie munching.



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The P.S.P.C.S. internet address is www.pspcs.org

Dues are \$20.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922, (509) 674-1916, sesparrow9@msn.com P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our yearly April show.

PRESIDENT: DARREL WOMACK (206) 244-6831 dlwcam669@yahoo.com

HAPPY HOLIDAYS...DUES ARE DO:

Shirley says: Hi there, all you valued members of PSPCS. It is time, once again, to renew your membership for 2009. The bargain price is still only \$20.00. We would hate to see you leave this fun organization. Please send your dues to Shirley...(address at the bottom of page two)...or pay her at the meetings. We look forward to seeing you in 2009. Thank you in advance.

THE MYSTERY OF OUR SANTA SUIT DISAPPEARANCE IS SOLVED:

The missing santa suit has been found. It seems that several of Santa's elves had decided it would be a real "giggle" to hide Santa's suit way in the back of president Darrel's attic...where no one would ever think to look for it. At the last moment Mrs. Darrel just happened to be in their attic looking for some other Christmas items when she discovered our missing Santa suit. This happened just in time for Gary to return the new suit he had just purchased as a replacement. End result: Our suit has been found, no Club money was spent and the "bad" Elves are now hard at work shoveling coal into Christmas bags in the naughty person area of Santa's workshop.

SHOW COMMITTEE UPDATE:

As you remember your Show Committee held their first meeting in early November. Everyone on the committee is now working on their assigned tasks. All the Show printing is done..ads to Shutter Bug etc. have been sent, Bill Adams is checking on our Thursday, April 2d, evening special guest speaker meeting site, 2009 Show buttons are being made, Seller packets are being stuffed, etc. All is well. Show brochures, with table sign up info., will be mailed in early January.

1880 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS: PHOTOGRAPHERS

According to the United States Federal Census, there were 9,108 photographers in the United States in 1880. Michigan ranked 7th with 371 listed photographers. To check out who they were, visit the website Ancestry.com, access the 1880 census online database, then search for Michigan/occupation photographer. The 1880 census is free. For access to other federal census records one must subscribe.

New York - 1,419	Wisconsin - 284	Colorado - 103	Georgia - 67	Delaware - 20
Pennsylvania - 899	New Jersey - 237	Rhode Island - 93	North Carolina - 49	Florida - 18
Ohio - 700	Kansas - 218	Louisiana - 91	Oregon - 48	Washington - 16
Illinois - 670	Texas - 175	Nebraska - 88	Mississippi - 46	New Mexico - 14
Massachusetts - 513	Connecticut - 173	New Hampshire - 87	West Virginia - 42	Montana - 10
Missouri - 470	Minnesota - 158	Tennessee - 79	South Carolina - 40	Arizona - 8
MICHIGAN - 371	Kentucky - 139	D. of Columbia - 76	Utah - 31	Idaho - 7
Indiana - 369	Maryland - 133	Vermont - 76	Dakota Territory - 29	Wyoming - 6
Iowa - 363	Virginia - 112	Arkansas - 72	Nevada - 22	
California - 290	Maine - 106	Alabama - 70		

Ancestry.com, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, 2005.

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THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY QUESTION

Answer at end of Newsletter

With thanks to the Western Photographic Historical Society

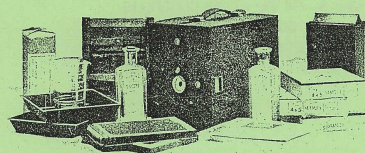
What German made circa 1954 eye level camera (with a woman's name) had a telescoping lens and used 120 film?

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For What it's Worth

Closing Prices on Internet Auctions

by Rick Soloway

It's always hard to establish absolutely reliable estimations of value in the topsy-turvy world of camera collecting. Here are some real world closing prices from eBay. Realizing, of course, that the closing prices listed below can be over-priced, under-priced, under appreciated, mislabeled or categorized, lucky and unlucky. Here are some recent real-world closing sales values:

1960's GE Color Meter	\$9.99
3 Mechanical camera timers	\$7.50
Voightlander VAG 9x12 folder	\$103.50
Canon Cannonet GIII QL	\$36.00
Leitz flash head, reflector + cord	\$19.99
Univex AF-2 deco mini	\$50.00
Kodak Starmatic + case	\$5.50
Zeiss Tengor Box camera	\$9.99
Nagel Pupile	\$350.00
Yashica MG-I	\$46.00
Ihagee Parvola 127	\$278.00
Korelle 127 camera	\$278.00

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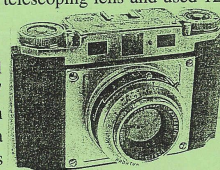
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<<http://www.ricksoloway.com/>>

So

What German made c 1954 eye level camera (with a woman's name) had a telescoping lens and used 120 film?

Answer: The GLORIA by Carl Braun Camerawerk c1954-1957 is a range finder camera with telescoping front shaped like a large 35mm camera. It was fitted with various lens and shutter combinations and is listed in McKeown's pg. 108 and valued at \$40-60.



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